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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: A BARDET-BIEDL SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE AND  
USES THEREOF - Val Sheffield, Darryl Nishimura, Edwin Stone*

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 120-page patent specification including 67 claims, an abstract, and a 19-page sequence listing. The specification constitutes the application of Val Sheffield, Darryl Nishimura and Edwin Stone for the captioned invention.

Also transmitted herewith is a diskette containing the computer-readable form of those sequences in the specification, a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), and a separate paper copy of the sequence listing.

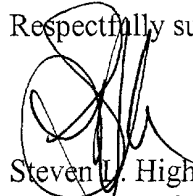
☒ Applicants are entitled to Small Entity Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.

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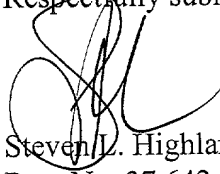
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Submitted herewith is a computer readable form and a paper copy of the sequence listing of those sequences in the captioned patent application. The computer readable form of the sequence listing is the same as the paper copy of the sequence listing. The sequence information provided in the Specification is also the same as the sequence listing of the enclosed computer readable and paper forms of the sequence listing.

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